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SERVE THE NATION

"More Food This Year Is Patriotism"

Whether this nation has enough food to feed itself and help supply the world's needs depends largely upon the harvests of the North this summer. The granaries of the world are the lowest they have been in years. Last year America had a short wheat crop, only 6 bushels to a person, and consumed for bread and seed 6 1-3 bushels.

Farm Efficiency is Service to the Nation

The army, the navy, and the industries needed to carry on the war may take many men from the farm. Farm labor will be scarce. The acreage of cultivated crops can not be much increased. Every man should attempt to produce the utmost this season. Avoid trying experimental crops. Grow staple foods. Use good seed. Treat grains for smut. Test your seed. Prepare soil thoroughly. Cultivate properly. We must plan to get the highest return in food products per man.

How Wisconsin Can Serve

It Is the Duty of Every Man to do His Best

This means we must all work harder this year. The scarcity of farm labor, the shortage of food, and the consequent high prices make it not only the patriotic duty but also to the decided personal advantage of everybody to produce just as much food as possible this year.

Grow Food Crops

Each man should grow the crops he knows how to produce and which are best suited to his land. For Wisconsin this means corn, wheat, rye, oats, barley, peas, and beans. These are all high in price and needed for army use.

Be Sure Seed Will Grow

If every kernel does not grow the yield is cut. Farm labor is too scarce to cultivate bare ground. Test your seed.

Increase the Production by Seed Treatment

The United States loses millions annually from bugs and plant diseases. Treat grains for smut, potatoes for scab, and spray against insects.

Fit Land Well and Cultivate Thoroughly

A good seed bed is half the battle. Good tillage kills weeds, saves moisture, and increases the crop.

Keep Breeding Stock and Use Good Sires

High prices may tempt some to sell their brood animals. Only surplus fattened stock in good condition should be marketed. Good sires make cheaper meat and milk.

Grow Silage Crops for Winter Feed

Weather risks are overcome by siloing forage crops, and hay and grain are saved for other uses.

Plant Pasture Crops for the Pigs

Have all your pigs on good pasture this summer to make more and cheaper pork. Use clover pasture or plant rape, oats and peas, or soy beans.

Ask Your Banker for Money

Wisconsin banks stand ready to loan, at fair rates, money needed to buy live stock, build silos, clear or drain land, and for other productive uses.

Produce for Home Use and Save Expense

Let vegetables and poultry supply your table. The young people can do their "bit" by furnishing the family with fresh vegetables, eggs, and meat. Can surplus vegetables and fruits for winter use.

This is the first of a series of farm emergency posters. Watch for each one.

If you want more information, write

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